

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A distribution device of a telecommunications system, with at least one contact element, the contact element having at least two contact springs, wherein
 - a) the contact element has a modular structure in such a way that the configuration of the contact element ~~is~~ can be modifiedable by modifying the modular structure,
 - b) the contact element has a basic module, the basic module having the contact springs,
 - c) ~~it being possible to connect the basic module configured such that one or more supplementary modules of different configuration than the basic module are connectable to the basic module, the combination of the basic module with the supplementary module modifying allowing the configuration of the respective contact element to be modified.~~
2. (currently amended) The distribution device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supplementary modules and the basic module ~~can be~~ are combinable with one another in series connection.
3. (original) The distribution device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the configuration of the respective contact element is determined by selection of the supplementary module the number of supplementary modules or the sequence of the supplementary modules.
4. (original) The distribution device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the basic module has inputs and outputs assigned to the contact springs.
5. (original) The distribution device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supplementary modules have inputs and outputs.
6. (original) The distribution device as claimed in claim 4, wherein, for a connection of one or more supplementary modules to the basic module, the inputs of one supplementary module engage in outputs of the basic module or in outputs of another supplementary module, these

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connections between the inputs and the outputs being configured using a connector technique.